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## Revised Release Schedule at Youghiogheny River Lake

<u>YOUGHIOGHENY RIVER LAKE</u> – Pittsburgh District will implement the revised water release schedule described in the <u>Youghiogheny River Lake Water Management and Reallocation Feasibility Report</u> at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, August 29, 2005 with a transition period of two years for monitoring and evaluation. Following this period, water purveyors are expected to be able to enter into water supply contracts with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to acquire the additional storage made available for water supply.

The Youghiogheny River Lake Water Management and Reallocation Feasibility Report, approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works on August 4, 2005, authorizes the Corps to reallocate 10,000 acre-feet of water quality storage in its Youghiogheny River Lake to water supply. This change is due to improvements in downstream water quality and to meet the future water supply needs of the region.

The change involves releasing slightly less water into the Youghiogheny River during periods of normal river levels and slightly more during extended dry periods for use by the water purveyors. Releasing less water during periods of normal river levels will also improve the level of Youghiogheny River Lake for recreation and extend the boating season. The reallocation of storage, which represents only about 4% of the lake's total storage, will not affect the dam's flood control capabilities.

The Youghiogheny River Lake Water Management and Reallocation Feasibility Report is available for review on the Youghiogheny River Lake Water Management and Reallocation Study project page (<a href="www.lrp.usace.army.mil/pm/yough.htm">www.lrp.usace.army.mil/pm/yough.htm</a>) on Pittsburgh District's web site and at the following libraries:

- Brownfield Public Library, 291 Banning Road, Dawson, Pa.
- Carnegie Free Library, 299 South Pittsburgh Street, Connellsville, Pa.
- Uniontown Public Library, 24 Jefferson Street, Uniontown, Pa.
- Mary Fuller Community Library, 403 Constitution Street, Perryopolis, Pa.

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